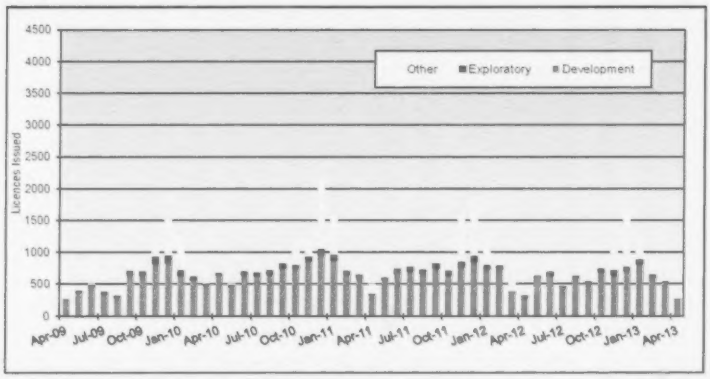
May 2013 Industry Activity Report

Monthly Well Licences



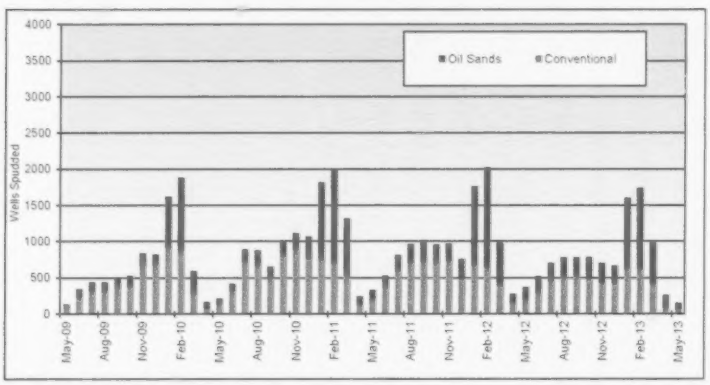
Operators in Alberta licenced 368 new wells during April, up 18% from the 313 licences authorized last April.

Over the first four months, industry licenced 3,128 new wells, up 7% from this period last year when there were 2,919 new well licences.

2013	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Development	821	591	525	265									2202
Exploration	74	66	26	14									180
NPW	35	28	9	2									74
NFW	5	2		1									8
DPT	11	24	12	7									54
Outpost	23	12	5	4									44
Exper. & Eval. Licences	355	276	26	89									746
Total	1250	933	577	368									3128

Source: Energy Resources Conservation Board

Alberta Wells Spudded (estimates)



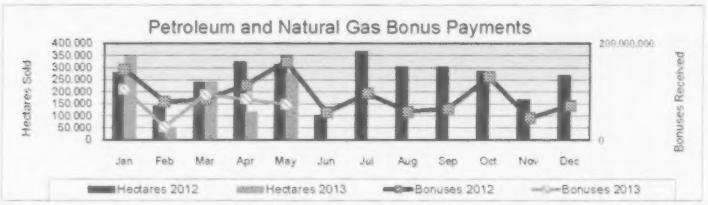
An estimated 150 wells were spudded in May, down 60% from last May.

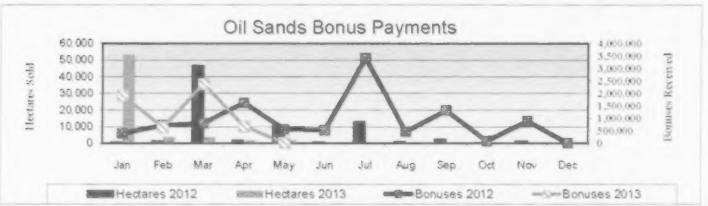
The five month total of 4,734 spuds is down 13% from last year's January-May period.

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2009	Conventional	1015	719	150	40	83	231	308	307	348	370	664	674	4,909
	Oil Sands	636	756	218	69	52	117	136	137	147	161	171	146	2,746
2010	Conventional	910	859	271	66	143	318	713	674	486	793	879	755	6,867
	Oil Sands	705	1019	321	97	73	103	178	204	165	211	233	310	3,619
2011	Conventional	749	697	530	120	181	359	592	696	707	685	734	485	6,535
	Oil Sands	1063	1304	788	121	153	166	220	270	310	270	237	269	5,171
2012	Conventional	670	629	383	146	181	282	445	499	512	490	424	428	5,089
	Oil Sands	1090	1392	597	130	193	236	256	285	272	290	280	235	5,256
2013	Conventional	626	614	409	90	68								1,807
	Oil Sands	979	1120	573	173	82								2,927

Source: Energy Resources Conservation Board

Petroleum & Natural Gas & Oil Sands Land Sales





In May, land sales totalled $73.3 million, 55% lower than last May's $163.3 million land sale revenue.

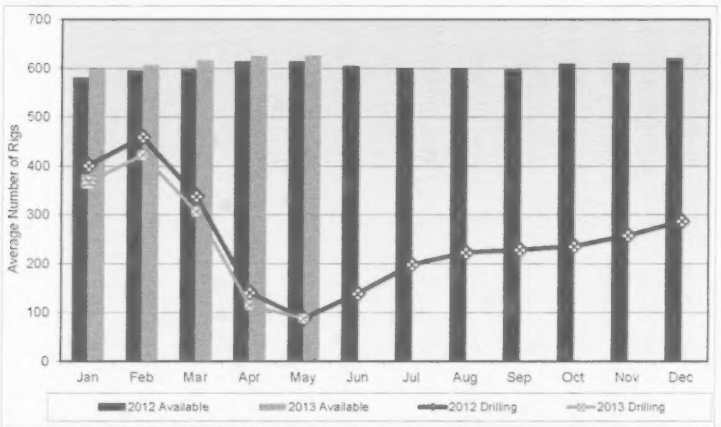
So far in 2013, the province has collected $390 million on the sale of 1.1 million hectares, with an average price of $355.29/hectare. Year-to-date, total land sale revenue is down 34% from the same five month period in 2012.

Petroleum and Natural Gas Rights	May-13	May-12	YTD 2013	YTD 2012
Bonuses	$73,272,026.64	$162,707,275.92	$384,646,337.00	$585,701,227.37
Hectares	276937.60	311632.72	1034968.05	1291157.54
Average Price per Hectare (Cdn$)	$264.58	$522.11	$371.65	$453.62

Oil Sands Rights	May-13	May-12	YTD 2013	YTD 2012
Bonuses	$22,625.28	$553,055.01	$5,612,762.54	$4,067,590.93
Hectares	1536.00	10445.07	63454.32	60365.07
Average Price per Hectare (Cdn$)	$14.73	$52.95	$88.45	$67.38

Source: Alberta Department Energy

Alberta Rig Activity


Average Number of Rigs
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec
2012 Available
2013 Available
2012 Drilling
2013 Drilling

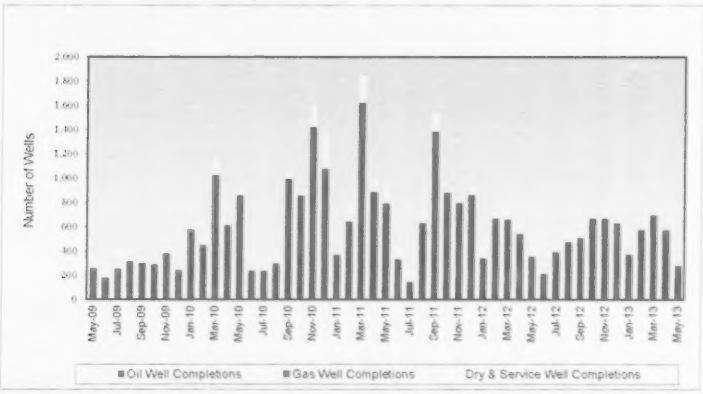
An average of 14% of Alberta's 625 rigs were active in May.

Alberta's fleet size averaged 613 for the first five months of 2013, up from 599 rigs for this period last year. An average of 42% of the rigs were at work over the first five months of 2013 compared to 48% in 2012.

May	Drilling	Down	Available	Rig Util. May-13	Rig Util. May-12
Alberta	88	536	625	14%	14%
Saskatchewan	10	111	121	8%	19%
British Columbia	25	29	54	46%	38%
Northwest Territories	1	1	2	50%	
Manitoba	1	19	20	5%	11%
Canada	125	696	821	15%	17%

Source: Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors

Alberta Well Completions



Well completion statistics for May show that there were 343 completions in Alberta, down 29% from 486 completions in May 2012.

Over the first five months, there were 2,017 oil well completions reported, up 5% from a year ago, and 470 gas completions, down 29% from this time last year.

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2009	Oil Wells	156	116	321	111	71	36	79	101	146	132	169	121	1,559
	Gas Wells	606	899	979	342	187	143	178	217	155	160	212	127	4,205
	Dry & Service	96	120	230	73	81	42	49	61	54	35	63	35	939
2010	Oil Wells	253	144	397	198	400	126	131	168	357	402	999	676	4,251
	Gas Wells	324	308	632	418	462	117	110	135	638	461	847	403	4,855
	Dry & Service	62	79	141	6	51	41	26	43	59	46	169	294	1,017
2011	Oil Wells	226	353	650	419	602	209	105	451	1030	626	559	568	5,798
	Gas Wells	145	294	974	472	196	124	43	183	356	259	243	299	3,588
	Dry & Service	42	127	222	112	160	100	97	94	145	19	32	73	1,223
2012	Oil Wells	215	489	516	405	296	205	348	380	447	588	533	523	4,945
	Gas Wells	131	181	146	141	62	12	46	98	65	81	137	110	1,210
	Dry & Service	35	48	55	126	128	37	94	63	12	23	80	59	760
2013	Oil Wells	313	449	544	481	230								2,017
	Gas Wells	59	124	149	91	47								470
	Dry & Service	9	67	119	129	66								390

Source: Daily Oil Bulletin, Nickle's Energy, Information, and Technology
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